

H.Res. 233 - Recognizing over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States continue to strengthen its relationship with that country

## **Floor Situation**

H.Res. 233 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL) on March 9, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.Res. 233 is expected to be considered on the floor on June 18, 2007.

## **Summary**

H.Res. 233 Recognizes the over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States continue to strengthen its relationship with that country

## **Background**

Liechtenstein is nestled between Switzerland and Austria in the Upper Rhine valley of the European Alps, and is one of only two landlocked countries in the world surrounded by other landlocked countries.

In 1806, Napoleon dissolved the Holy Roman Empire, and Liechtenstein became a sovereign country for the first time.

Liechtenstein is a constitutional hereditary monarchy on a democratic and parliamentary basis, headed by its ruling Prince, called `Fu.AE4rst'.

Liechtenstein achieved female suffrage on July 1, 1984, voting in a referendum to grant women the right to vote in national election.

Liechtenstein is a neutral country and has no military.

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